

AREA 4 BOARD
17TH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE FORUM
TIME FOR CHANGE: A CALL TO ACTION



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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006 - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER, 320 NORTH MCDOWELL BLVD.
PETALUMA, CA 94954

The Legislative Forum will be held at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, California 94954

Directions: HWY 101 to Petaluma, exit at Washington Street and go east. Turn left on North McDowell Blvd. The Community Center is on the right side of the street at Lucchesi Park.

- 8:30 **Registration and Refreshments:** Participants can browse the **Resource Fair**
- 9:00 **Welcome** Michael Rogers, Area 4 Board Chairperson
- 9:15 **Dion Aroner**, Legislator-in-Residence UC Berkeley Labor Center
“Building a Stable Workforce to provide Quality Services for People with Developmental Disabilities”
- 10:00 **Choosing Our Path for Action – Interactive Session**
Together at your table determine the most important actions to take to ensure quality services for people with developmental disabilities. Groups will state their priority issue and Legislators are being asked to respond.
- 11:45 **Pat Napoliello**, Parent Activist - “Influencing Policy and Legislation to Make a Difference”
- 12:15 **Special Award - Alan Kerzin**, Executive Director, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, will present to **Senator Wesley Chesbro** an award in recognition of his outstanding work in the Legislature on behalf of people with developmental disabilities.
- 12:30 **Lunch** - Park Avenue Catering
- 1:30 **Afternoon Sessions**
- A. Time for Action:** Participants will take the energy and ideas from the Interactive Session and create actions to influence change at the local and state levels. Don Morgan, Bay Respite Care; Randy Kitch, Consumer Advocate, North Bay Regional Center; Pat Napoliello, Parent Activist; Marty Omoto, Director, CDCAN
- B. Changes in Special Education Law: What’s New with IDEA:** Carol Gonsalves, Independent Child Advocate; Jeanne Bowman, Matrix Parents Network and Resource Center, Erika Lopez, Matrix Parents Network and Resource Center, will present this session in Spanish.
- C. New Day Service Models:** A panel presentation on options to increase choice and control for adults. Tom Montesonti, Executive Director, Area Board 1, Moderator; Phil Bonnet, Executive Director, Redwood Coast Regional Center; Julia Barnes, Executive Director, Area Board 9; Yo Bestgen, Deputy Director, Alta Regional Center; Pam Jensen, Executive Director, Ukiah Valley Assn. on Habilitation; Laura Larson, Executive Director, Far Northern Regional Center
- D. Consumers Becoming Pro-Active with Health Care Services:** Gail West, North Bay Regional Center “Consumers Taking Control of their Health Care: Practical Strategies for Consumers, Professionals and Parents” Marlena Garcia, ParentsCAN will present this session in Spanish. Alisha Gutierrez, Public Health Dental Coordinator, North Bay Regional Center & Alta Regional Center “Solving the Mystery of Dental Care”
- 3:30 **Adjourn**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Register early! The cost of registration includes lunch if received by March 20, 2006. A limited number of scholarships are available for people who have disabilities and family members. Applications are available from Area 4 Board and must be returned by March 6, first come, first served. Please use a separate form for each person registering.

Name_____

Agency_____

Address_____

Phone (____)_____

Professional \$25 ()

Family \$15 ()

Consumer \$15 ()

Please mark your choice for the afternoon session:

- A. () Action Planning
- B. () Special Education, IDEA
- C. () New Day Service Models
- D. () Health Care

Please mark your sandwich selection:

- () Tri-tip of beef
- () Grilled chicken
- () Vegetarian

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE ARC-SOLANO

Mail check and completed registration form to:

AREA 4 BOARD, 236 GEORGIA STREET, STE. 201, VALLEJO, CA 94590

Please call Area 4 Board at (707) 648-4073 by March 1, 2006 if sign language interpreters are needed.

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